

LIFE WITH THE POOR BALL PLAYER WILL SOON BE JUST ONE BALL GAME AFTER ANOTHER

BALL PLAYERS MAY BE DEPRIVED OF ANNUAL SPRING JOY RIDES TO LAND OF SUNSHINE AND BASE HIT

Retrenchment Policy of Owners Likely to Increase in Scope Until the Training Jaunt Will Only Exist in Baseball History

IS THIS to be the last year of spring training trips for ball clubs? Naturally, the idea of eliminating the annual joy ride to the more or less sunny South is radical, and no such suggestion has been officially made by the magnates.

The question cannot be answered offhand, but there are some pretty big baseball men who consider the point debatable. Undoubtedly the work in the south does the men some good, and a team which enjoys good weather in camp naturally gets away to a better start than one which does not.

SO MUCH for the advantages of southern training trips. That they are not undervalued by the owners is proved by the fact that the major league clubs have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in taking them each year.

Is the Training Trip Worth the Money? IN THE first place, the "jaunt South" is something of a gamble, and a gamble has no place in a well-conducted business. Many times an owner takes his men South only to have them sit around the hotel and wonder where all the rain comes from.

It is problematical whether a ball team which encounters splendid warm weather during the training season, only to come North and run into a cold snap, gets away to as good a start as it would if it shaped up right here under the conditions which it must meet the first few weeks of the season.

THE owner who sends his club South will be repaid for his expenditure if his club encounters good weather in the South and if it does not run into the average spring weather in the North. There are no ifs as far as the expense is concerned.

Whether the training trip is worth the price or whether it is not will probably make little difference if the war cloud continues to shadow the land. If war comes, baseball as well as every other sport will be eclipsed and the policy of retrenchment will be intensified a thousandfold.

There Will Be No Argument at All in Case of War WHETHER the training trip is worth the price or whether it is not will probably make little difference if the war cloud continues to shadow the land.

It WAS a brilliant bit of generalship. Meredith not only decoyed Eby into cutting his sprint loose too soon, but he also broke his opponent's heart by leaping away when he was apparently all in.

Dangerous "Verbal Agreement" Again in Evidence NEW customs and usages in business always create interest, but the novelty that is now being introduced into the boxing business in New York only serves to leave a bad after-taste.

Eastern Basketball League Rules Weak THE Eastern Basketball League rules are weak. President Scheffer has announced a fine of \$50 imposed on Player Morris Toms, of Trenton, for punching Referee James Rumsey, who officiated in a game at Camden against Trenton on the former's floor on Friday evening.

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THE master will no doubt be given consideration at its meeting. President Scheffer has done all in his power according to the rule, but the rules should actually receive a little attention. Morris Toms, the offender, was regarded as one of the most gentlemanly and courteous players that ever stepped on a mat, and the writer wishes to give him this credit, but Toms made the mistake of his life on Friday night. Rumsey, although a new man, had been in the game before.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



PENN STATE LEAGUE CHALLENGES EASTERN WINNER TO A SERIES TO DETERMINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Jasper Would Hardly Meet Carbondale if Jewels Capture Title, but Greys Would No Doubt Stage Such a Series

PRESIDENT SCHEFFER, of the Eastern League, has received a communication from Byron T. Lewis, president of the Pennsylvania State League, in which he says the Carbondale champions of the State organization would like to meet the Eastern League winner in a series at the conclusion of the season.

There is no doubt in the mind of the fans in this section that the club which captures the Eastern League title can defeat Carbondale in a series, but will the Eastern League meet them? While in no official position to say so, it looks like a foregone conclusion that if Jasper is successful the Jewels will refuse to play Carbondale, and they have good reasons.

Manager Bailey says that Cross played Friday night on his nerve, as at 7 o'clock he had his arm lanced. He has an infected arm, but will open the stork door to a bouncing ten-pound baby on his doorstep, and hence the reason for the big smile which covers his features.

Now that the season is nearing a conclusion challenges are being hurled broadcast for the various championships. The minor league title has been turned over to Hancock, of the American League, by defeating Dobson, of the Industrial League.

MANY CHAMPIONS ENTERED IN A. A. U. NATIONAL GAMES NEXT SATURDAY

New Records Expected When Athletes Compete in Annual Sports in New York

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NO MORE MONEY, DECLARES BAKER

Declines Inducements for Holdouts, His Decision After Moran Talk

VETERANS SHOW "PEP"

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor of The Evening Ledger ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 11.—With George Whitted, Milton Stock and Bert Niehoff still among the hold-outs, the Phillies took the field for a real workout in Coffee Pot Park this morning.

NO Gloomy Outlook The others have not communicated with the club for some time. With the new men on hand and the veterans showing lots of "pep" for so early in the year, the outlook is not so gloomy as it might be by the absence of this year.

Walker on the Job Leslie Walker, who once played with the St. Louis Browns, is on the job and probably will take Whitted's place if George decides to remain at home.

Statistics of Intercollegiate and Eastern Cage Leagues INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE W. I. P. C. W. I. P. C. Yale 8 1 889 Dartmouth 4 6 486 Princeton 9 9 500 Columbia 3 9 509 Penna. 5 5 500 Cornell 1 9 100

Yale and Princeton to Clash Yale and Princeton will fight it out for the intercollegiate basketball championship when they clash in the final game of the league season in New Haven on Wednesday night.

Rookies and Regulars Marlin, Tex.—George Smith, Columbia University pitcher, enjoying a regular berth with the Giants today. Smith beat Dallas in his first game, 1 to 0, Sunday.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Manager Robinson started the season in their spring exhibition work-ups yesterday when they took the local team into camp 9 to 0, in a full nine-inning game. Tom Clarke is limping from an injury to his ankle, and several others are slightly lame.

Mineral Wells, Tex.—Kid Gleason, first mate of the White Sox crew, is also umpire in the regular season. He is a real argument on decisions. Gleason doesn't fine or banish. He sends the batter to wear a rubber shirt, leaves first baseman and fighting it out—Gandil, Jordan, Henry and Johnson.

Hot Springs, Ark.—The second squad of Red Sox players from eastern parts arrived here today. Carl Mays signed yesterday and will appear for practice today to start the season with the team.

Miami, Fla.—Beginning today, the drive went on. Stallions plans to put the Braves through the paces with a win. Several of the players went up in a fire machine yesterday.

New Orleans—Johnny Leber, picked up from Cleveland and lots, put the Indians-Palsons game on ice yesterday with a perfect punch. Leber allowed two scores when he landed.

San Antonio, Tex.—Looks like the regular season. Miller Higgins used sixties players, but the best he could do was tie a score. San Antonio players, 4 to 4, in ten innings.

IN SUNNY SPRINGTIME, AL, OLD PAL, WHY YIP OF ROBIN REDBREASTS, AL, WHEN BLEACHERS YODEL TO US, AL

In the Spring, With Your Permission, Al, We'd Like to Set You Right, for Then We're Yelling "Slide, You Bonehead, Slide!"

By GRANLAND RICE In the Spring

"In the spring a fuller crimson comes upon the robin's breast; In the spring the wanton lapwing gets himself another crest." —Al Tennyson.

The Heavyweight Lull THE heavyweight situation in the boxing world has come into a lull again. There were signs of a lull a few weeks ago, but just at present it is about as lively as the fettered mummy of Rameses II.

Darcy and Fate Darcy picked a tough time to enter America as a conquering hero. A year ago and he might have got by very nicely. But with America tilted on the verge of entering the battle smoke, there came a sudden feeling against enlisting a runaway from military duty.

Negro Pitcher Has Class Worth \$50,000 in Majors KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 12.—John Donaldson, who probably is the greatest negro pitcher in the country, has turned down an offer to play ball on the coast.

PLAY FOR FLORIDA GOLF TITLE TO START APRIL 11 TAMPA, Fla., March 12.—The Florida golf championship will be held over the links of the Florida Country Club at Jacksonville.

STAR GOLFERS COMPETE OVER LINKS AT TAMPA TAMPA, Fla., March 12.—Tampa is the winter mecca for golfers today, when Walter Hagan, Rochester, C. C.; Tom McNamee, New York; Wilfred Reid, Wilmington, C. C. and James ("Garage") Barnes, Palma Ceia-Whitemarsh Valley, meet over the Palma Ceia Golf Club's links here.

ELI CREWS READY FOR PENN RACES First and Second Varsity Selected for Schuylkill Competition Easter Week NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 12.—Yale oarsmen have by no means been marking time, awaiting Coach Guy Nickalls, who has arrived from England.

SPURWOOD A newcomer in the "wood" family A new E & W model—"Spurwood". There is an attractive sweep to the points and plenty of tie space. Its spurs give it style.

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